



# What's New in the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu?

## SHIRE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

*Each week meet a member of our team!*

Maree Smarrt - Customer Service Officer - Finance  
Maree has worked for the Shire since July 2018 and works within the customer service and finance department. Maree previously worked in predominantly heavy haulage transport and agricultural fields. Maree grew up just round the corner in Dalwallinu but has also lived in England for 2 years and spent time travelling around Scotland and Europe. She has lived in Wongan Hills on three different occasions throughout her life, however, has now been settled here with her partner, daughter and two dogs for the last five years. Maree is a member of the local Pistol Club, being the current Treasurer and one of the Range Officers. Maree is passionate about firearm sports and encourages more women to join... so if you're looking for a lesson, Maree is your lady.



## FAREWELL TO KATRINA

Sadly, this week the Wongan Hills CRC and Shire will be losing a staff member in Katrina Free. Throughout Katrina's time at the Shire and CRC she has gifted us with such enthusiasm, positivity, humour and energy – making it an absolute pleasure to come into work each day for all and of which we cannot thank her enough. Katrina will be relocating to Perth for personal reasons and we wish her the very best for her and her family.



## PLANT OPERATOR



The opportunity has arisen for a permanent Plant Operator with the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu. The applicants must hold a minimum of a "HR" class motor driver's licence. Preference will be given to those applicants holding a "HC" class motor driver's licence and a Construction Safety Awareness Certificate. Conditions of Employment are in accordance with the Local Government Industry Award 2020 and with generous overtime available. Applicants should first refer to the Position Description, available at [www.wongan.wa.gov.au](http://www.wongan.wa.gov.au) Written applications clearly marked "Plant Operator", full resume with work experience and the names of two (2) work related referees should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer by the closing date.

Applications close: 4.00pm, Monday 5th September 2022

For additional information regarding this vacancy, applicants are encouraged to contact Karl Mickle, Manager Works and Services on (08) 9671 2500 or by email [karl.mickle@wongan.wa.gov.au](mailto:karl.mickle@wongan.wa.gov.au)

**WE ARE HIRING!**

## ROADWORKS



**CONSTRUCTION CREW:**  
Assisting Maintenance Graders Shoulder Grading



**MAINTENANCE GRADERS:**  
Ballidu Area, Burakin Area. Shoulder grading at same location, slowing moving convoy of equipment, please slow down – Weather Dependant



**MAINTENANCE CREW:**  
Patching throughout the network following recent wet weather, assisting Backhoe Crew.



**BACKHOE CREW:**  
Culvert Extensions – Dowerin-Kalannie Road, Cadoux to Kokardine, speed restrictions in place.





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## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS EVENING 2022

On Friday night, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, Councillors and Residents celebrated the achievements of those who were awarded the Citizen of the Year Award on Australia Day 2022, to show our appreciation for the tremendous work they have done within our community.

### Citizen of the Year

William 'Bill' Bynon

Bill and Hazel moved to Wongan Hills in 1962 where they purchased the Butcher Shop and Abattoir. For every couple that got married, Bill would gift them a meat hamper as a wedding present...this was the start of Bills community giving. Bill was one of the founding members of the Wongan Hills APEX group and was the President between 1966-1967. Bill and Hazel made huge contributions for fundraising money to build the kindergarten, which is now know as the Elizabeth Telfer building. Bill was also instrumental in raising funds for the St Johns Ambulance in 1971, to purchase their Holden 1 Tonne Ute and convert it into an ambulance. Bill did many other incredible things during his life of living in Wongan being heavily involved in the Football Club, Rotary Club and a keen bowler. Bill and Hazel started the Rotary Seniors Christmas Party 28 years ago and massively contributed to the community spirit that we still see today. Wongan Hills was lucky to have gained such a wonderful community member in 1962.

### Young Citizen of the Year

Sarah Peters

Sarah moved to Wongan Hills in 2017 as the Phys Ed teacher at the WHDHS. During her time in Wongan, Sarah was actively involved in the coaching and development of the Swimming, Netball and Basketball Clubs in the community. Sarah was the head coach and a committee member of the Wongan Hills Swimming Club and volunteered lots of her time towards this. Sarah is always dedicated to going to courses in her own time and at her own expense to upskill in order to keep our kids as well developed as possible. Sarah actively contributed to many of the sporting clubs through coaching and playing, is a member of various committees and is always available to assist the clubs in any way she can. Sarah is an outstanding young citizen.

### Community Group of the Year

Wonga Balli Boomer Volunteers

Wonga Balli Boomer commenced publication in 1996 with a team of founding volunteers. Over the years the volunteers have come and gone and eventually the Boomer was handed over to the CRC guardianship. The CRC and a contingent of volunteers continue to keep this publication alive by assisting with putting the magazine together on printing day and writing articles. We are very proud and thankful for everyone's efforts over the last 26 years to produce the Wonga Balli Boomer as one of the few remaining truly local community papers.

### Event of the Year

Golf WA Provincial Tournament

From 9-11 July 2021 Wongan Hills Golf Club hosted the Golf WA Provincial Golf Tournament. This tournament is a very prestigious event on the ladies golfing calendar and has been running since 1984. The three day event attracted 96 players to our town from all over Western Australia. This award is a fitting acknowledgement and expression of gratitude to the Wongan Hills Golf Club as well as its volunteers and sponsors as a whole for what was a very successful event for the club and the community.

Congratulations again to the winners. The Shire Staff, Councillors and local residents cannot thank you enough for the tremendous contributions you have made to our community and we look forward to many more nominations of outstanding citizens in years to come to show our appreciation to the wonderful people of Wongan-Ballidu.



